what pathway it proposes to make to enable people to the north and west of the Irinjalakkuda temple to go for bathing to Thekkakulam near the said temple?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The question has not been taken up by the Government yet, but it will receive their attention.

Sale of teak, etc., in the Forest Department.

342. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state for the year 1105 (1) the hill depot measurements of the quantity of (a) teak, (b) ebony and (c) rosewood supplied to each of the contractors or purchasers separately;

(2) the reduction allowed to each of them and the quantity for which price was realised from each?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—(1) There was no sale of ebony in 1105. No reduction was allowed to any purchaser. A statement showing the hill depot measurements of the teak and rosewood stock sold and also the actual measurement on the basis of which price was realising is placed on the Council table.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Out of the 27 items of teak and 14 items of rosewood in the Chalakkudi depot and 21 items in the Ernakulam depot every item is found to measure, on actual measurement, a greater measurement than what is found in the hill depot measurement. May I know how the Government now manages to find an excess while it was the reverse case when the late Conservator was in charge of the department?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The facts as they are are given. No further explanation is possible.

Listing of trees in the exploitable area between Kuriarkutty and Parambikulam.

343. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) whether arrangements have been made to continue the listing of the exploitable trees in the remaining portion between Parambikulam and Kuriarkutty by the permanent staff as suggested by Mr. T. Narayana Menon in his report, dated 15th Mithunam 1104;

(2) if arrangements have been made, how many trees have been listed and what is their measurement in candy or cubic feet;

(3) if no arrangements have been made, the reason for not carrying out the recommendation;

(4) has the experimental floating of timber therein recommended tried and if so, with what result;

(5) have all or any of his other recommendations been acted upon, and if so, which of them and with what results, if any?

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Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) 3,559 trees of cds. 14,856.

(3) The question does not arise.

(4) The experimental floating suggested could not be tried owing to the uncertain monsoon rains last year but will be tried this year if the rains are favourable, for which suitable timber is available at Chirakadavu.

(5) Of his other recommendations two were acted upon. One of them suggested the revision of the whole account system of the O. W. C. forests and the Tramway so as to make the accounts exhibit the correct profit and loss on account of the undertaking; the accounts, as now modified, exhibit a correct profit and loss account of the working of the O. W. C. forest by the Tramway.

The other recommendation suggested that the working of the O. W. C. forests and the Tramway in 1105 should be regulated very carefully to make it a test working to furnish data for fixing a well defined standard for the future. The working in 1105 in the O. W. C. by the Tramway showed a profit of Rs. 1,96,692.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—(2) When was that number listed, *i. e.*, the period this listing refers to ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not quite follow the point.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—When was this figure given in answer number (2) reached ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That was reached after the report of the Special Officer was received. The Special Officer did some work and that was continued by the ordinary staff of the Forest Department. I think it must be one year. I do not know the exact period within which this was done.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Does listing still continue ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Listing of a portion has been finished. There is a general question of a complete survey of the whole forests. That has not been started. The listing of particular area has been finished.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Is it in pursuance of the recommendations contained in the report ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—3,559 have been listed. When was that figure reached ? Is listing continuing now ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—This listing refers to a certain particular area. It does not refer to the whole of the general forests. If the whole area is referred to the listing still continues. I think that particular area is over. No more details can I furnish.

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Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—I am afraid I do not make myself clear. What I want to know is not about the area but the time during which listing was done and whether listing continues ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The time is one year to complete that area. If that area is completed listing will be stopped. I do not know whether that area has been exhausted at present.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—(4). Uncertain monsoon rains. That was the reason assigned for not experimenting. Am I to understand that there was no timber when the river was in floods ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The monsoon started a bit too early. They were not prepared for it.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—So perhaps the timber was not ready to be floated at that time.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not know exactly whether it was due to that that timber was not ready or other preparations were not complete.

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